

## House Resolution No. 1912

**Whereas**, on April 17, 1903, God brought the fourth of ten special gifts to Benjamin Franklin and Alice Edith (Adair) Kirschman with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of James, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, James William Kirschman of Prairie Home, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday on April 17, 2003; and

**Whereas**, James Kirschman married Celeste Barbara Schilb (deceased) on December 23, 1932, a date that has become important to him not only as his wedding anniversary, but also as the birthday of his youngest daughter, Mary, and his oldest great-grandchild, Jennifer; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed James Kirschman with the love of a wonderful family whose members include his two children, Nellie Gray Pendleton and Mary Carolyn Gaston; three grandchildren, Melinda Mary (Pendleton) Kiefer, Lisa Janelle (Pendleton) Granata, and James Pick Gaston; and three great-grandchildren, Jennifer Lisa Kiefer, Sofia Rose Granata, and Sabrina Celeste Granata; and

**Whereas**, James Kirschman has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes working with a telephone line construction crew and toiling on a dairy farm while living in Colorado; hiking the Grand Canyon on numerous occasions, the last being at the respectful age of 75; taking pride in keeping the fence rows clean; and farming the land north of Prairie Home; and

**Whereas**, James Kirschman enjoys living with his sister, Helen Ramsey, and brother, Glen Kirschman; spending time with another brother and his wife, Hugh and Pauline, who live close by; and visiting with friends and neighbors at the Farmers Co-op in Prairie Home and Bobbers Restaurant in Boonville; and

**Whereas**, James Kirschman is a lifelong member of Prairie Home Methodist Church, where he helped build the current building and served as a member of the board for many years:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to James Kirschman at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian James Kirschman, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry Crawford  
District No. 117

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1912, adopted April 15, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker